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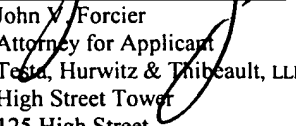
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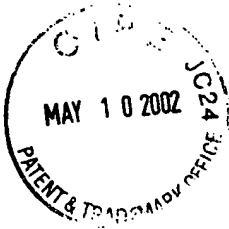
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AMENDMENT and RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to a pending Office Action, Paper No. 5, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 24, 2002. Please make the following changes, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks.

Applicants believe that no fees are due; however, should fees and extensions of time be required for responding, please consider this paper to be a conditional petition for the required extension of time and conditional authorization to charge deposit account number 20-0531.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 14, add new claim 16, and amend claims 10-13 and 15 to read as follows. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), a marked up version of the claim amendments is attached at the end of this Amendment and Response.

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10. (Amended) A bone anchor for use with a bone anchor implantation device comprising:
a generally cone-shaped head having a wide end, a narrow end, and at least two cutting edges wherein said cutting edges come together to form a pointed tip at the narrow end and the cutting edges of the head are defined by at least one curved surface; and
a collar member coupled to the head.